

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION *October 2011*

Project Sponsor: *City of Kent*

Project Name: *S. 228th Street UPRR Grade Separation*

Project Location: *Along S. 228th Street at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.*

What type of project is it: Support Centers ____ Corridors Serving Centers x

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number: 3643
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes x No ____

Project Description - No more than one full page - (see evaluation criteria for information to include):

- Briefly describe the project
The S. 228th Street UP Railroad Grade Separation Project is Phase III of the S. 228th Street corridor which will provide a seamless connection between the Valley floor and Interstate 5. This project will reconstruct S. 228th Street to pass over the UPRR tracks. This project is a critical step toward providing a more seamless passage for rail and truck freight through the Green River Valley. This project eliminates rail/vehicle at-grade conflicts that slow the movement of truck freight between the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma and the warehousing complex in the Valley.

The at-grade crossing of the UP operates with significant delays caused by trains over a mile and a quarter long. These delays are anticipated to worsen. The safety and time-saving benefits are substantial. The UP lines run to and from the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma through Kent's warehouse and distribution center. Kent's distribution center includes more than 300 businesses and warehouses and is part of the second largest distribution center on the west coast. Keeping these lines moving efficiently and safely

means time and money for the international trade traveling through the port and warehouse complexes.

Traffic backups on S. 228th Street occur multiple times each day when the roadway closes due to rail traffic. The resulting backups can stretch for 1/2-mile, and clearing backups can take 10 to 20 minutes.

- What is the intended outcome & benefit

By separating the railroad traffic from the roadway traffic, the choke point will no longer impede freight and commuter traffic flow. The grade separation will improve safety for autos, pedestrians and bicyclists traveling on S. 228th Street.

Project Status & Timeline

Where is the project at in development? Preliminary Design is 35-percent complete. Environmental Classification Summary approval is expected in November 2011. Right-of-Way acquisition has started and is expected to be completed in September 2012.

What is the timeline for this project from start to completion?

(Please identify the major phases)

Design – Expected completion May 2013

Right-of-Way Acquisition – September 2012

Permitting – November 2011

Construction – Summer 2014

Additional Comments

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